CHAPTER XIII

EXCLUSIVE CONCENTRATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS-FORCE AND THE IGNORANCE

> From the kindled fire of energy of Consciousness Truth was born and the Law of Truth; from that the Night, from the Night the flowing ocean of being.
>
> *Rig Veda**

SINCE Brahman is in the essentiality of its universal being a unity and a multiplicity aware of each other and in each other and since in its reality it is something beyond the One and the Many,. containing both, aware of both, Ignorance can only come about as a subordinate phenomenon by some concentration of consciousness absorbed in a part knowledge or a part action of the being and excluding the rest from its awareness. There may be either a concentration of the One in itself to the exclusion of the Many or of the Many in their own action to the exclusion of the all-awareness of the One, or of the individual being in himself to the exclusion both of the One and the rest of the Many who are then to him separated units not included in his direct awareness. Or again there may be or there may intervene at a certain point some general rule of exclusive concentration, operative in all these three directions, a concentra-

*x. 190. l.